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Dear Admiral Turner,

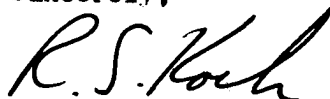
Congratulations on your appointment to head the C.I.A. I am very happy for you, and I wish you all the best in your new position.

By way on introduction, I served on board the Newport News from Oct. 1972 until June 1975. During your tour as Commander Second Fleet I was the "R" division officer. Among my duties I was responsible for the flight deck fire fighting team and the helicopter refueling detail. I very much enjoyed my tour, and will always remember the North Atlantic Cruises.

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I was quite pleased when I read about your nomination and subsequent confirmation. Again I wish you smooth sailing as you begin another phase of your career in this most vital and sensitive position. If your new organization functions as smoothly as did Second Fleet under your command I think our intelligence community will be in good shape.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Koch